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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 17, 22-29, and 32-63 are pending in the present application. Claims 17, 26, 27, 29, 37, and 38 have been amended. Claims 3-16, 18-21 and 30-31 have been canceled. New Claims 40-63 have been added. The claims set forth above include marking to show the changes made by way of the present amendment, deletions being in strikeout and additions being underlined.

Interview

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the interview with Applicant's representative on July 31, 2008. The details of the interview are presented in the Summary of Examiner Interview provided herewith. In the present Amendment, Applicant has amended the pending claims to incorporate the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner. Applicant has filed new Claim 40 and dependent claims related thereto to pursue some of the features discussed during the Examiner interview.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1, 2, 19 and 30. Claim 19 depended from Claims 17 and 18. Claim 30 depended from Claim 29. A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith to overcome the double patenting rejections. Thus, Claims 1 and 2 are in condition for allowance. Independent Claim 17 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent Claims 18 and 19, which have been cancelled. Claim 29 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 30, which has been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1, 2, 17 and 29 incorporate allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. Moreover, Claims 22-28 and 32-39 depend from Claims 17 and 29 and are thus also allowable. Amendments have been made to dependent Claims 26-27 and 37-38 which are supported by the specification and further define patentable subject matter.

New Claims

New Claims 40-63 have been added. Claim 40 is an independent claim and Claims 41-63 depend therefrom. The newly added claims are patentable over the cited references. Claim 40 is directed to a transportable unmanned surveillance system adapted to obtain video data of objects in the vicinity of the surveillance system and process the video data obtained during ongoing surveillance. The surveillance system comprises a trailer sized and adapted to support the

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transportable unmanned surveillance system and configured for enabling the transportable unmanned surveillance system to be towed by a motor vehicle. The trailer comprises a trailer frame, an axle coupled to the trailer frame, the axle is configured to be coupled to a plurality of wheels, and a hitch coupled to the trailer frame. A base is coupled to the trailer, the trailer and base are configured to support the transportable unmanned surveillance system on a ground surface and to substantially prevent unauthorized movement of the surveillance system. A camera is positioned above the base at a height sufficient to put the camera substantially out of reach of an unassisted person standing on the ground surface. The camera is configured to obtain video data of objects in the vicinity of the surveillance system. A support structure is coupled to the base and extends upwardly. The camera is coupled to the support structure. Electronics equipment comprises a control module, a data storage device, and a communications system to communicate with an external control station at a remote location. The camera, the control module, the data storage device, the communications system and the external control station are communicatively coupled to enable communication between at least two of the camera, the control module, the data storage device, the communications system and the external control station. The control module controls one or more data input and data output devices of the surveillance system. The one or more data input and data output devices comprising the camera. The camera transmits data in a secure manner to the data storage device for storage such that the transmission of data from the camera to the data storage device is substantially protected from unauthorized access and disruption by an unassisted person standing on the ground surface. The communications system receives data from and transmits data to the external control station.

None of the cited prior art references teach the combination of features set forth in the newly added independent Claim 40. The corresponding dependent Claims 41-63 include additional patentable features. Thus, Claims 40-63 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following applications of the present application's assignee.

Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/127,017	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	04/19/2002
10/128,589	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	04/23/2002
10/799,577	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	03/11/2004
11/064,812	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	02/24/2005
11/065,999	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	02/24/2005
11/769,612	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	06/27/2007
11/769,618	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	06/27/2007
11/769,624	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	06/27/2007
11/769,659	TEMPORARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	06/27/2007

Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office action, the Examiner recites various features and elements in providing reasons for allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowable subject matter to the extent that not all of the allowable claims may include the limitations specifically identified by the Examiner. Each claim recites different combinations of features and elements than those referenced by the Examiner, and each claim is patentable. To the extent that the Examiner's recitation of the allowable subject matter deviates

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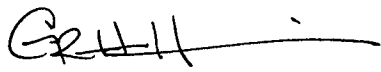
from the language of the allowed claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the reasons for allowance. Moreover, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting other pending claims as unpatentable, for example, based on combinations of references that teach away from each other and/or that do not teach all the features of the pending claims, either alone or in combination.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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